Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph 0003, with the following paragraph:

[0003] So far, over 340 different beta-lactamase sequences have been described. TEM beta-lactamases are one group of serine beta-lactamases (i.e. OXA, SHV), and are found in many different species of the family Enterobacteriacae Enterobacteriacae, Pseudomonas Aeruginosa, Haemophilus influenzae, and Neisseria gonorrhoe. The first TEM enzyme (TEM-1) was isolated in 1965 from E. coli and confers resistance to narrow spectrum cephalosporins, cefamandole, and cefoperazone and all the anti-gram-negative-bacterium penicillins except temocillin.

Please replace paragraph 0041, with the following paragraph:

[0041] The capture probe, associated with the micro-arrays, may be derived from any of the beta-lactamase genes known so far, such as e.g. from the beta-lactamase gene of Enterobacteriaceae Enterobacteriaceae, e.g. E.coli, Enterobacter spp., Morganella morganii, Proteus spp., Providencia spp. Salmonella spp., Klebsiella spp., Citrobacter spp., Shigella dysenteriae, Serratia marcescens, and non fermenting bacteria, i.e. Pseudomonas spp., Burkholderia cepacia, and other gram negative species of pathogenic relevance, e.g. Haemophilus spp., Neisseria spp. (Bradford, Clinical Microbiology Reviews; Oct.2001, p933-951; Thomson, Emerging Infectious Diseases, March-April 2001, p333-336). The references for the published sequences of the different genes are in public domain may be derived from http://www.lahey.org/, which documents are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace paragraph 0052, with the following paragraph:

[0052] In a most preferred embodiment, the present method puts to use an oligonucleotide micro-array for identifying single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNP's) of 119 until today described TEM beta-lactamases (http://www.lahey.org/Studies). This micro-array contains for 41 SNP (single nucleotide polymorphism) positions (ESBL, IRT, or both) oligonucleotide probes with variable length (17-27 bases) (cf. table 2).